



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS USAID?

The United States Agency for International Development, or USAID, is the leading U.S. government agency that helps countries reduce poverty, achieve democratic reforms, and recover from disasters.

The U.S. Congress approves all USAID programs, which are supported by the U.S. taxpayers.

2. WHERE DOES USAID DO ITS WORK?

USAID has offices, called missions, in four regions of the world: Europe and Eurasia, Asia and the Near East, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

3. WHEN AND WHY WAS USAID ESTABLISHED IN GEORGIA?

USAID began assisting Georgia in 1992, in response to the humanitarian crisis resulting from the conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

USAID's first programs in Georgia provided assistance to displaced families and communities.

In 1998, USAID expanded its assistance to Georgia to include democratic reforms, rule of law, private enterprise, energy, and social programs.

4. HOW MUCH MONEY HAS USAID PROVIDED TO GEORGIA SINCE 1992?

USAID has provided approximately \$774 million for humanitarian and development projects over the past 12 years. USAID provided approximately \$45 million to Georgia in 2004.

5. HOW IS ALL THIS MONEY USED IN GEORGIA?

Every few years, USAID develops a multi-year strategy for Georgia, which identifies priorities where the country has the greatest need for USAID's assistance.

USAID develops the priorities in close consultation with the government of Georgia.

The strategy reflects a careful study of Georgia's socio-economic and political environment and the assistance provided by other donors.

It is important to USAID that its work reflects the priorities of the Georgian people and does not duplicate what is already being provided. After the strategic plan is written, USAID awards grants and contracts to "partner organizations", which implement projects designed to help achieve the priorities outlined in the strategy.

6. WHAT KINDS OF ORGANIZATIONS PARTNER WITH USAID TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS?

American and Georgian private businesses, American and Georgian non-governmental organizations (NGOs), international organizations, and other agencies of the U.S. Government.

7. HOW CAN MY GEORGIAN ORGANIZATION WIN A GRANT OR CONTRACT WITH USAID?

Georgian organizations most commonly receive subgrants or subcontracts from U.S. organizations.

8. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT USAID'S WORK IN GEORGIA?

The best place to find detailed information about USAID in Georgia is USAID's website: www.usaid.org.ge.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact Maka Japaridze in USAID's Program and Project Support Office at 77 85 40, ext. 168.